

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Executive Committee** was held on Thursday, August 8, 2013 in Room 200 of the Northern Building – 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**Present:** Chair Lund, Supervisor Moynihan, Supervisor Erickson, Supervisor Evans, Supervisor Van Dyck (for Supervisor Vander Leest); Supervisor Buckley.

**Also Present:** Brent Miller, Supervisor Hopp, Supervisor Sieber, Lynn Stainbrook, Supervisor Robinson, Juliana Ruenzel, Troy Streckenbach, Dan Process, Jenny Hoffman, Jill Rowland, Lynn Vanden Langenberg, Kevin Raye, Jeremy Kral, Judy Friederichs, Supervisor Hoyer, Sandy Juno, Supervisor Campbell, Supervisor Landwehr, other interested parties, media.

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**I. Call meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Thomas Lund at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Approve /modify agenda.**

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to modify the agenda by moving Items 3 – 8a and Items 13 – 29 to be taken before Item 2a. Vote taken. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**III. Approve/modify Minutes of July 8, 2013.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve. Vote taken. MOTION PASSED (Supervisor Van Dyck abstained)**

**Comments from the Public**

-Patricia Finder Stone, 985 N. Broadway, De Pere, Wisconsin. Finder-Stone thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present her concerns regarding the proposed resolution which will be discussed later in the meeting. This resolution would prevent the County and its employees from assisting her fellow residents in receiving information regarding the Affordable Care Act. Finder-Stone continued that to say she was shocked and dismayed by this proposal would be putting it lightly. She felt that such a proposal would be shameful and discriminating and disgusting. In an era where transparency in government is so desperately needed, she felt that the County limiting the ability of employees from disseminating information to its residents would be ridiculous. She is a registered nurse and is deeply involved in healthcare concerns and when she sees attempts to restrict assistance to local residents who need help in accessing affordable healthcare she is incensed. She truly hopes that the Committee opposes such action and she once again thanked the Committee for allowing her to present her position.

-Jason Wisneski, 3281 Peterson Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Wisneski stated that he supports the proposed resolution for a number of reasons. He is a licensed health insurance agent and he believes that it would be inappropriate to have unlicensed professionals giving out insurance advice. He felt it takes rigorous training and knowledge to be able to explain health care laws and major medical policies. He also wished that County Supervisors would focus on County issues like attracting jobs and getting rid of the stadium tax and that they would stop trying to do the jobs they wish they had and start doing the jobs they were elected to do.

-Bill Meingel, 125 W. Mission Road, Allouez. Meingel opposes the proposal being made by Supervisor Hopp as he felt it would open a big can of worms for the County. People who don't like certain legislations, whether it be federal legislation or state legislation or local ordinance, bringing

similar proposals to the County Board asking that the County not cooperate opens up a can of worms. Meingel also felt this proposal interjects in partisanship in County government which is supposed to be non-partisan. He noted that Supervisor Hopp is a republican and has a photo of Rick Santorum on his election website. Meingel also felt this proposal would introduce a "big brother" element to County government where people are supervising what you can or cannot say or do. He also felt that this would be a landmine for the County and it would be wise to avoid it.

-Betty Fierros, 1446 S. Norwood Avenue, Green Bay. Fierros stated that she belongs to Joshua. She stated that they have gone over Obamacare and found out that it was to their liking. She spoke of one of her daughters who has a medical issue and the struggles she is having both health wise and insurance wise. She thinks this proposal is awful.

-Monica Podgurski, 3281 Peterson Road, Green Bay. Podgurski stated that she was under the impression that the current public employees are not getting paid enough and that is what the whole recall was about so the fact that they are going to be adding things to their current job description does not really make sense to her from a logical standpoint.

-Jason Wisneski, 3281 Peterson Road, Green Bay, Wisconsin. Wisneski stated that the ADRC is paid to give this information and they have licensed agents to do so. The fact that we are looking to librarians for this advice is asinine in his opinion.

*Supervisor Buckley arrived at 6:10.*

#### **Communications**

1. **Communication from Supervisor La Violette re: Identify county employees potentially affected by step increases so the Board can take appropriate actions. *Motion at July meeting: Refer to staff for further information.***

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to hold until the next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2. **Communication from Supervisor La Violette re: In support of our school district and out of Respect for our entire great community, all of the people we represent, I propose passage of a resolution stating zero tolerance for bullying throughout Brown County government. *Motion at July meeting: To refer to HR to research what the current policy is on bullying and harassment and determine if there are changes needed based on other communities in the area.***

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to hold until the next meeting. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 2a. **Communication from Supervisor Hopp re: Discussion, formulation, and adoption of a resolution of Brown County, PROHIBITING any Brown County Agency, Department, Staff Member, or Independent Agency doing business on behalf of Brown County, from participating in any non-mandated, voluntary action, assisting the Federal Government, its agencies, or representatives, with the implementation (aka "roll out") of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. 111-148), signed March 23, 2010, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, signed March 31, 2010 also referred to as the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This would include but is not limited to the sharing and or distribution of information either verbal, written and/or electronic; sharing and or distribution of written or electronic materials; sharing and or distribution of computer software or computer education. Furthermore, the USE, of any equipment owned, controlled or operated by Brown County for non-mandated assistance in the**

**implementation of the Affordable Care Act, shall be prohibited. Furthermore the USE, of any facilities owned, controlled or operated by Brown County, for non-mandated assistance in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, shall be prohibited as allowed by law, or billed at the rate of \$1500 per hour plus maintenance costs.**

Supervisor Hopp thanked the Committee for the opportunity to come before them. In the interest of full disclosure Hopp stated that he stands in opposition to the Affordable Care Act, hereinafter referred to as ACA, as a whole. He does believe that there are select provisions of the ACA that serve the intended purpose of protecting citizens' health such as the pre-existing condition provision, the lifetime cap provision and the dependent coverage continuation provision. However, there are far more aspects of this law, many of which are now just coming to light that Hopp opposes.

Hopp continued that the ACA ignores religious freedoms, mandates the purpose of personal product or service under the veil of the commerce clause, and infringes upon the doctor/patient relationship and contains many other troubling financial provisions. As a locally elected official Hopp has little ability to affect this law or protect his constituents from it. However, he stated he felt it was his responsibility to do whatever he could to protect the taxpayers from abuse as a result of the law itself. He continued that he is here tonight to protect the taxpayers of Brown County from any unreasonable, inappropriate expenditure of their tax dollars from propagandizing and promoting of the ACA. Hopp does not revel in the fact that he is before the Committee and he is not trying to propel any hidden agenda, advance any political party cause, propel any future political aspirations or most importantly try to stand in the way of any citizen who needs help. Hopp is simply asking that we as a Board review the policy of allowing outside interests who may not have such pure intentions from advancing their private agendas on the backs of the taxpayers under the guise of the ACA. He noted that the Committee and the Board's job is to assist, not propagandize and that is why he is here tonight.

Hopp noted that in the last 72 hours he has fielded comments both in strong support and strong opposition to his communication. Although he wishes those in opposition could have made their points through a more civil tone and with less powerful language, he does welcome their contact. For those that allowed him the opportunity to speak, he trusts they found him to be genuine in his intent and not the evil right wing zealot that they would have liked him to be.

Hopp stated that he as well as anybody has endured and suffered from either lack of healthcare or the crushing weight of high premiums, high deductibles and diminished coverage. He has also endured collection letters and threats of lawsuits as a result of his family or himself being ill or injured or having a child. Despite the fact that he has been insured for many years, high deductibles and multiple providers all wanting full payment at once makes it almost impossible to keep up with financial fallout that follows a hospitalization. Hopp stated that therefore it is unfair and untrue for anyone to suggest that he does not care or understand the plight that so many Americans face with regard to healthcare. He does care and he does understand.

Hopp continued that he comes before the Committee tonight as a first step in beginning a discussion to define Brown County's role and responsibility in regard to the ACA. He presented a Power Point presentation to walk through the issue that brought us to this point and he is hopeful that in the coming weeks a resolution can be formulated that not only

protects the tax payers but also fulfills any duty, legal or moral, the County has to assist those in need of our help.

Hopp provided some history on how we got to the position we are in. He stated that in June, 2013 the American Library Association, hereinafter referred to as the ALA, held a national convention. During this convention President Obama presented to the group via video message and it was at that time that the ALA and the Whitehouse formed a partnership in which the ALA membership was charged with assisting in the promotion and implementation of the ACA. At that point, Hopp began to research a communication that is before the Committee at this time.

Hopp continued that in July, 2013 during the Board of Health meeting it came to his attention that the Brown County Health Department had acknowledged that they had been contacted to serve as a possible navigator hub for Northeast Wisconsin. In essence a group had contacted them to serve as the support resource for the promoting and implementation of the ACA. It should be noted that this has since been cancelled as a result of an inability to secure grant funding.

In August, 2013 Hopp finalized his communication and submitted it to the Board office. Hopp wished to point out some very important information which he felt many may have been missed in the communication. He clarified that the communication relates to *non-mandated* and *voluntary* action. He noted that there are things that the County is required to do and then there are things that the County chooses to do. What he is asking is that the County tread carefully in the things that they choose to do with regard to the ACA. He does admit that this communication is in a sense an iron fist communication and he apologized for this, however, he noted that he never expected it to get the attention that it has gotten thus far, but he felt that at least it has brought the debate to the forefront at the local level.

Hopp continued that the issue at hand is that he feels that any inaction by the Board may lead to other departments or agencies getting involved in the implementation and promotion of the ACA. At this time the Brown County Library is the only affected entity and as a result the Library is the focus of his initial discussion, however, he does not wish to lose focus of the fact that this also affects many other departments, some of which we may not even realize at this time. With regard to the Library, Hopp does conceive that there are Chapter 43 considerations and as a result there may not be a lot that is able to be done other than take into account and issue advice in regard to budgeting concerns that were raised previously.

First and foremost, Hopp stated that the ALA is a trade organization. The Brown County Library itself does not belong to the ALA, but rather staff members at the Library belong to the ALA. It is a private trade organization that does not have any authority to enter into partnerships on behalf of our local Library. The ALA has no control over what our Library should be doing as a whole and has no authority to dedicate local resources, whether it be financially, staff-wise or facility-wise and what those resources should be utilized for. In essence, this is the responsibility of locally elected and appointed officials, not the ALA to be dictating what happens at our Library.

Hopp continued that he would like to hear from Library Director Lynn Stainbrook for clarification of what exactly the Library's involvement will be. Hopp felt there was a fine line between offering assistance and propagandizing and his concern is that this line not be crossed and the Library become a cheerleader effort for the ACA. As everyone knows, the County has limited resources available. Financially, every department in the County is

pinching pennies and the questions are raised with regard to training of Library staff. Who will pay for it and when will it be done? Consideration would also have to be made as to support equipment such as photocopiers and phones and who will cover the cost of these items and the use of the same depending on what they are used for in connection with the ACA. Hopp also noted that consideration would need to be given to supplies such as paper and pens. Finally Hopp suggested that facilities would need to be considered. There have been many discussions in the past that the square footage at the Library was an issue and the Library is also in need of a number of repairs. Hopp wondered if the Library would be used to the full extent if we start to use it to engage in certain activities with regard to the ACA.

Hopp continued that administratively in regard to staffing, he has heard that libraries across the country are dedicating staff to specifically ACA activities and he questioned if Brown County has enough staff to do that. Technical expertise was also something that would need to be considered. This is a 2000 plus page complicated law. Hopp asked the Library Director if she was confident that her staff would be capable of being up and running by October 1, 2013 with a full understanding of the law and the ability to answer questions efficiently and effectively and he was advised that if the Library did not have all the answers they would find them.

In the event the County would hand out information about the ACA that was false, and they lead someone astray unintentionally, what would the liability to the County be as a result? Finally, staff comfort and willingness in looking into this and researching this topic, although the ALA signed on and agreed to assist the presidential administration with this, there are a number of librarians who expressed very deep concern about being involved with this and being required to do this and Hopp would question whether or not the staff as a whole is willing to do this and, if they are not, what would the repercussions for that for the staff members?

Hopp recalled that about a year ago the Board was told that the Library was in dire straits and that they had to bill surrounding counties over \$200,000 to recoup costs because resources were being expended that were not available. Yet today, we have a Library that is willing to undertake this huge task of helping to promote and implement the ACA and Hopp has concerns about this.

The next thing would apply to any department which would be involved with the ACA throughout the County. This is a divisive law. Hopp has concerns about opposition or interference from opposition to the law. The last thing he wants to see is the Library or Department of Health become a circus for media attention and protesting in regard to the ACA. Although Hopp could not predict what would happen in this regard, he was concerned and as a result of the opposition he would worry about staff being put at risk or the public being put at risk and finally our facilities being at risk.

Finally, Hopp stated that the Brown County taxpayers should not be held liable or be subsidizing a federal responsibility. It is the responsibility of the federal government to promote and to implement the ACA, not the local responsibility. We are simply here to serve and assist and Hopp noted that there will be 11,000 citizens in Brown County that are going to fall off of Badgercare and as result be pushed into the ACA. It is the County's responsibility to care for these 11,000 individuals and make sure that we assist them in getting the coverage that they need, but to take it further and become a propagandizing unit for the federal government is something that Hopp believes is wrong.

After writing this communication and seeing the fallout from it, it was clear to Hopp that there was going to have to be changes. This is not the law of the land. He followed procedure in coming to Executive Committee first before getting staff involved in the writing of any resolution. It was his expectation that what would happen at this meeting was that this would be referred to staff for additional input and writing of the resolution and a resolution would come back in a month and we would go from that point.

Hopp fully expected that in going forward there would be an expectation to review and monitor the Library's involvement with the ACA and he does understand and appreciate that the library serves as an information hub and noted that they do a wonderful job of fulfilling this task. However, his concern is that they do not cross the line of propagandizing. The next thing Hopp felt needed to be looked at is guidelines and he noted that guidelines need to be established prohibiting promoting and propagandizing versus assisting. Finally, he would like to have a return resolution ready for the September meeting and at that time the Committee could decipher whether or not to move it on to the full County Board.

Supervisor Moynihan stated that he had spoken with Supervisor Hopp earlier and said he felt this was a provocative communication, one which in many aspects he agrees with. He finds Obamacare to be an abysmal legislation. However, after his discussions with Hopp, Moynihan gave this additional thought and he asked Hopp how he would define the non-mandates. Hopp answered that in a perfect world he envisions someone coming to the Library and asking for assistance with regard to the ACA and the Library staff directing them to Human Services. Hopp recalled that recently 10 positions were approved for Human Services to handle what is being discussed at this meeting.

Supervisor Erickson thanked Hopp for bringing this forward and stated that he had done some research on this. Through much of his research, he noted that the County was federally mandated to participate in this and as Supervisor Hopp said, we did create new positions in Human Services to work with this program. Erickson stated that if calls came into a County department or to a Supervisor what he would like to see done is to refer these individuals to the Human Services Department where they have a scripted format to bring back to the individual which will direct them to go on the correct website and find the information they need. Erickson believed there would also be computers available for those individuals who do not have home access to computers and the internet so they would be able sit down with directions to access the correct website and information. Erickson continued that this is not an insurance involvement where the County would be giving any advice or recommendations, but the only thing that would be done is giving out a website. Erickson stated with all the discussion it is his hope the Library would either refer it to Human Services or the website. Erickson noted that there are computers in each of the libraries and if this website were give out individuals could use the library computers to find the information they need, relieving the County of any legal responsibility. He would certainly hope that that would be the way this is approached.

Hopp stated that he did not feel that he and Supervisor Erickson were that far apart. Hopp stated that when he was researching the ALA's involvement in this, he found that some libraries are going to the extent that they are actually taking computer kiosks out of circulation and dedicating them to simply the ACA which takes away resources from other people. Some libraries have done away with time frames that people can be on a computer in dedication for ACA purposes and some libraries have dedicated staff to handle this. Hopp does not believe that Brown County should be doing this type of propagandizing. He does agree with Erickson that there are County resources available in Human Services but we need to make sure that

people are directed to the right place which would be places that were mandated to help, not voluntarily just throwing money away.

Supervisor Buckley stated he would like to hear from the Library Director to find out what her intent and the actual involvement of the Library is.

At this time Corporation Counsel Juliana Ruenzel and Library Director Lynn Stainbrook came to the table to discuss this matter.

Moynihan asked Corporation Counsel if we went ahead with a resolution to quash any information giving, would that be breaking any federal laws or violating amendment rights. Ruenzel stated when she first read the communication a number of thoughts went through her head as far as First Amendment Rights and other rights. She stated that as Hopp explained earlier, it does not seem like he is concerned with censorship and gag orders and things of that nature, but rather that he is more into preventing the County from being a hub of promotion. She would have to give some consideration as to what could be drafted in this regard, but if you are talking about the original communication as written, it was Ruenzel's opinion that it speaks to violations of the First Amendment. Moynihan asked if certain bullet points could be amplified or if the words could be softened and Ruenzel responded that she did not feel that the words should be softened and noted that it was not feasible to restrict the Library as to what information they give out as that is their role and their job. Ruenzel continued that government employers can regulate speech, but they have to have a legitimate reason to do so and it has to balance the public interest with the government interest. She does not know until she talks with Hopp more in depth as to how this resolution would play out and whether it was something that was legal or not. Based on the communication, Ruenzel felt she was hard pressed to say they could go forward. Moynihan stated that was his concern and stated that he does support Hopp's intent but his job is also to serve his district and the County and he does not want to see lawsuits if we proceed in a manner of what is presented at this time.

Hopp reiterated that this communication is simply that ...a communication. His full intention was that this would be referred to staff at which point a resolution would be drafted. He felt that everyone knows the intent of the communication however, he agreed that the communication may have been poorly written. He does think it is important and that is what the driving force was behind the language and he feels we needed to do something and he feels strongly that we should not be propagandizing this. Moynihan indicated that Obamacare includes \$770 million dollars for advertising of the law. Hopp stated that he does not agree that the citizens and taxpayers of Brown County need to kick in any more.

Library Director Lynn Stainbrook addressed the Committee and stated that as Director of the Brown County Library she has ethical and practical concerns with this prohibition. Stainbrook continued that public libraries in the United States have always had an important role in ensuring free and open access to the world's knowledge. The Brown County Library is a trusted place that County residents and taxpayers look to for information assistance and support in using resources. Stainbrook continued that the ACA is a new federal program and it is anticipated that many County residents will turn to the Library for help. Library staff members will face questions from community members about the enrollment process, and Stainbrook indicated that both the Library Board and she want to make sure that their staff members are prepared. Stainbrook is relieved that the federal government is providing information to libraries to help them become informed and better able to cope with the questions that will arise.

Stainbrook continued that this is no different than the roll-out of any new federal state or local programs. She indicated that they are also working with the Job Center to provide assistance to those applying for work. She has been discussing training that the Job Center can provide Library staff and they are planning on some times in September.

Stainbrook continued that the more the Library staff knows in advance, the better equipped and the more efficient they are in providing answers and assistance. The Brown County Library staff is expected to know how to help County residents file Social Security forms, complete Medicare applications, file court petitions and pay taxes online. Staff at the Brown County Library tell people where they can register to vote, what they have to bring with them, when they register, when the polls are open, where the polls are, who represents them locally, county-wide, state-wide and in Washington and how to contact them.

Library staff tells people where they can recycle their electronics, how to get to the Transfer Station, and the hours for the Household Hazardous Waste station. They tell citizens that they can return their unused 96 gallon recycle cart and get the smaller one, the difference in cost, and who to contact to get it done. The Library also provides information on when and where low cost immunization clinics will be held and about hunting and fishing licenses. They provide assistance in applying for concealed carry permits. The responsibility as Library employees is to provide the information or direct the public to the information, without personal advocacy or opinion, regardless of how they might feel as individuals. Stainbrook continued that prohibiting Library staff members from providing the information about a specific federal law does a disservice to the entire Brown County community. Certainly the question will be asked: if the County prohibits employees from disseminating information on this topic, what topic or subject will be next?

Stainbrook urged the Committee members to bury this communication and send a message to all County residents that they do not agree with placing barriers in the way of County staff members doing their job, but instead, that they support the County staff members in implementing their responsibilities and duties.

Supervisor Van Dyck had several questions. First, since Supervisor Hopp is concerned of things other libraries are doing he asked Stainbrook if she was aware of any of those situations and how those situations could be prevented at our Library. Stainbrook stated that when you talk about the ALA and the partnership that seems to be drawing attention, Brown County Library actually has nearly 200 partnerships and those partnerships are simply groups that they cooperate with that provide services back and forth. These are not legal partnerships in the sense that they have any right how to tell the Library how to do business and this is also true for the partnership that has been established between the federal government and the ALA.

Stainbrook continued that in essence the federal government is providing the ALA and librarians with information such as here is the website that you can go to for information, here are the most frequently asked questions, and here is information about that. They are also providing some webinars for staff and they have actually had staff starting to learn about this.

Stainbrook continued that she felt this was good news in that they will be prepared to answer the questions that are asked and they will be prepared to be able to direct them to the appropriate agencies that have the more in depth information. There is no plan on the Brown County Library's part to set aside computers or have a specific staff member assigned to this. Stainbrook stated that Hopp had asked her about handouts but she does not even know if



they will be getting handouts, but if they do, the Library will evaluate how much space and how many handouts to provide based on how they evaluate every item request. This is evaluated on how much demand there is, how much space is available and whether or not it is useful. She stressed that they are not treating this ACA situation any differently than they treat any other kind of new law, new program or new trends that people want to know about. This is standard operating procedure on their part, although Stainbrook did understand that Hopp had pulled up language that talked about promoting this and again she felt that this has been blown out of proportion. It is her understanding that that is more about providing information and not promoting. She stressed that it is very much against their profession to advocate for anything, and no matter how she feels or how her staff feels about a particular issue, they are very careful not to let the public know their opinion as that is unprofessional conduct on their part that they would not participate in.

Van Dyck indicated that he agreed with Stainbrook and it was well said. What he is taking from what she has said is if what Hopp describes is happening in some libraries which would be the promotion of the ACA, it is not her intent to engage in those types of activities and Stainbrook stated that that was a very fair statement.

Erickson asked Stainbrook if in her opinion using a scripted description would be what the Library would perform. Erickson stated that he has to know that this is going to be scripted just like it is going to be at Human Services or that the Library script will direct people to Human Services. Stainbrook stated that she cannot say that they will necessarily provide a script for every single question but it is typical of the Library to often provide a Q and A staff so that they know how to answer the frequently asked questions. She noted that they have staff that has already started preparing those kinds of responses to questions that are coming and she noted that many of those will be answered by referring the caller to other resources such as other contacts and websites. Stainbrook continued that her staff is used to handling legal questions, tax questions and medical questions and they have become experts at saying they are not lawyers, they are not CPA's or doctors and they cannot give advice but here is someplace you can go to get more information on the topic. Stainbrook stated what they are experts at is finding the answers to questions and referring people to where to get the information they need and the answers they need.

Sieber asked Ruenzel if a resolution could be drafted that says we are going to help out all these other state and federal laws but not the ACA? Ruenzel stated she looks at it as speech thing and referred to the First Amendment right and noted that speech that qualifies for exception is basically matters of public concern. If you have a matter of public concern, speech is generally protected and attempts to restrict that would not be allowed so the government could not restrict that. But there is a caveat and that is that speech can be restricted even if it is a matter of public concern only to the extent that it is necessary to promote efficiencies within the public service. If there is an obligation to put this public service out there, it would be hard pressed to restrict the knowledge or the dissemination of that information. It will not be constitutionally upheld because we are here for public service and to provide information. We cannot censor what the employees are going to say unless we have a compelling government interest.

Hopp asked Ruenzel if the possibility exists that a resolution could be drafted that does, in essence, define the difference between assistance and propagandizing. Ruenzel stated that what she is saying is that you can probably draft a valid resolution dealing with what Hopp said that you are asking that the government does not go forward and advertise and

propagandize any kind of federal law. This would be easy to do, however, she noted that it would be hard pressed drafting it as the communication states.

Hopp then asked Stainbrook, if her staff was asked how they felt about this, would there be any staff members that are not comfortable and, if so, if a staff member came to her and said they were uncomfortable with this, what the reaction would be. Stainbrook responded that it is not her business what her staff feels in terms of their opinions in any area of politics, religion, etc. and her staff's job is to provide access to that information. If she had a staff member that came to her and said that they are adamantly against whatever and they will not answer the questions of the public, she would have a problem with that staff member. Hopp asked if a person would come to her saying this is complicated and they don't feel comfortable answering questions, how that would be handled. Stainbrook stated she would do what she could to make the person comfortable with the subject matter.

**Motion made by Supervisor Van Dyck, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to receive and place on file. No vote taken.**

Van Dyck stated that he does not disagree with Hopp's opinion of the ACA and he felt that there are a lot of provisions of the ACA that people are counting on to fix all of our problems and it is not going to work but that will soon come to be and this will need to be dealt with at a state and federal level. What Van Dyck feels is that there are a lot of divisive issues that he felt people could go to the Library to seek information on, whether it be gay marriage, abortion, certain religions, political affiliation and he felt that the ACA is just another one of those types of things. He would trust that if he walked into a library with his feelings and he asked one of the librarians to get him some information and he got a dissertation about how they think the law is the greatest thing in the world, he would complain about that. Van Dyck said he would complain any time if the person he was seeking to get independent information from or would find a source from would give their own personal opinion. He noted that the Library gives out information on all kinds of things such as Social Security and Medicare and Van Dyck felt that there is a concern that they are going to be delving into the details of the law, but that is not what they are going to do. Rather they will be providing information as to where to go for further information. The Library staff is there to provide a source of information. Van Dyck does share Hopp's concerns and he disagrees with the legislation but it needs to be dealt with. As far as the process goes, he felt this is part of the process where topics can be aired before they go to resolution. The reason he feels this should be received and placed on file is that before it is referred to staff to draft a resolution that then goes before the Board and gets voted down we should receive and place it on file and it can be pulled at the full County Board meeting and if it gets voted to send for a resolution at that time, he would be fine with that, but he does not feel time should be wasted to send this for a resolution when it does not stand a chance of passing.

Hopp stated that unfortunately it seems as the Library is the guinea pig and are getting thrown under the bus. He noted that this is not specific to the Library but rather affects the entire County, but it just so happens that the Library is at the forefront because they are the first ones to be contacted. Hopp stated this is very simple and noted that it is not that we are blocking information, we simply do not want a cheerleading staff on the County dime.

Supervisor Evans stated this was an interesting topic and felt there were two issues going on. The first issue is the providing of information and the second is being a navigator. Evans felt that what happened is Hopp's communication has kind of melded both of these issues together which is a little bit unfortunate. Evans does not agree with the portion of the

communication about sharing information as that is what the Library is for and he felt that the Library should be able to provide information just like the items that were stated earlier. The other part that Evans can support as well is what is called a navigator. He does not want the County to be a navigator and he does not want the County going out and telling people where you go and what you do. The reason the County does not want to become a navigator is that we didn't get any federal money and further, we don't have other resources. If somebody feels that the County should be doing this, then the federal government should be providing grant money to do it. Evans stated that he would support a communication or resolution that says the County is not going to become a navigator because he thinks that's fair. As it sits now, we have melded two items together that do not work together. One we have the Library which is bound to give out the information, but secondly, we can say we do not want to be a navigator. He also is concerned about giving out appropriate information. He stated that the Human Services Department is working well as they are getting things in line and he felt that things will take place and move forward appropriately in that regard. Evans noted that there is an obligation as a County when it comes to the ACA to a point, but we are not obligated to be a navigator and he thinks this is what Hopp is trying to get across. Evans does not want to be a navigator for free, but he does want the Library to have access to enough topical information that we can provide it to constituents to advise them where to go.

Hopp asked Evans if he would be willing to support a motion at Human Services Committee that directed the staff for the formulation of a resolution directing staff to prohibit the County from being a navigator and all activities involved with such.

Supervisor Robinson stated it seems like the conversation has shifted somewhat with this idea that the County provide the propaganda or promotion and he is looking for a definition of what that means. Hopp stated that there is a difference between someone coming and asking a question and you going out and actively searching for someone to answer a question for.

Robinson asked if this is just this topic or topics in general that the County should not be promoting and propagandizing in terms of what the federal government says. Hopp stated that he has thought about that long and hard in regards to the ALA being a private trade group. He used the example that if the highway workers union came down with an initiative via the federal government to abolish the blood alcohol level and the highway workers started handing out information he felt that people would have an issue with that. But the point that is on the table right now is the ACA and how we handle that and the amount of money and resources it will take.

Buckley did not think the Library Director has a huge budget for propagandizing and hiring people to do that, but he asked Corporation Counsel or Stainbrook if there were mechanisms in place if an employee is out of line and there is a complaint. Stainbrook stated that this would be covered in job positions and action would be taken in the event of a complaint. Stainbrook expects her staff to always be unbiased and provide open information and to not reveal their personal opinions about things, in spite of the fact that people will ask at times. Stainbrook continued that if someone was deemed to be out of line they could be disciplined.

Buckley stated that he does not believe in this, however he does understand what Hopp is doing, but he felt it was a slippery slope if we are going to try to control everything at the Library and how it is put out. There is a Library Director, a Library Board, and the Committee that it reports to, Ed and Rec, and Buckley felt that if there gets to be an issue there are mechanisms in place to deal with some of it. He would rather see a separate communication if they want to discuss the navigator part as brought up by Supervisor Evans but he felt that

would be a whole other discussion. At this point, however, Buckley would be in favor of receiving and placing on file this particular communication the way it is written and go forward. Buckley stated they should take this to the full Board to see what interest there is before a lot of staff time is spent on this.

*Supervisor Buckley was excused at 7:16 p.m.*

Hopp stated that to be clear, what this comes down to is that County resources are not being spent to do things like setting up booths and waving people in to sign up for the ACA as we do not have the ability to that. Hopp was thankful that the Library Director has said that that is not their intention. He felt we were losing sight that this is not just about the Library. This is Countywide and could be an issue in any County department. This is far reaching, but it just so happens that the Library is at the top right now because of the ALA and what is going on, but, as a Committee it should be recognized that this affects the County as a whole and we are not just focusing on the Library. Hopp felt this should be taken into consideration before this is received and placed on file. Hopp stated he has spoken with a number of supervisors, most of whom agree with the intent but not necessarily the verbiage. He urged the Committee to remember that this is just a communication at this point. Hopp continued that he felt Evans had an excellent point that we look at the navigator aspect of it and say that the County does not want to become a navigator. He continued that the definition of a navigator is clearly defined in different articles that are out there and Hopp felt that we should not be partaking in any of those actions and he would be content with sending this to Corporation Counsel for drafting of a resolution that the County does not, as a whole, participate in becoming or acting as a navigator.

Robinson said he would like to hear from the Human Services Director and Health Department Director as to the implications of what they do as to what is being discussed tonight. Human Services Director Jeremy Kral stated that the involvement of his department is to establish eligibility for Badgercare and Medicaid programs in Wisconsin. They would accept anyone who wishes to apply and if they are eligible they would get them enrolled in Badgercare. If not eligible they would be referred to a certified application counselor to get enrolled if they so choose into the ACA. Lund stated that this is what the 11 employees that were hired through federal and state money will be doing. Kral stated that those employees referred to will not be certified application specialists but will be regular economic support specialists such as they already have several of. Robinson asked Kral how people will know to come to Human Services to enroll. Kral stated that is a tough question for him to answer as a lot of people already know that if you need healthcare and you do not have a lot of assets or ability to pay that you can come to the County to see if you are eligible for help. There will also be notifications out there but the federal government will be handling the publicity aspect and awareness aspect. Robinson confirmed that they will not be spending any staff time or resources, no matter where it is coming from, on trying to make people aware that they can come to Human Services for help. Kral stated it was difficult to answer this down to the penny, however, he does not know of any aspect in which right now they have any awareness efforts other than participating in the state and federal government plans.

Health Department Director Judy Friederichs stated that as far as the Health Department, a lot of the things that the Library said are also very true for the Health Department except it is more directed at healthcare issues in that when individuals call into their Department they call with a variety of questions regarding healthcare and resources. They are not necessarily the provider of all of the resources they are looking for but as a government agency they will help direct them to resources that are available. Again, similar to what the Library Director talked about they have very specific resources to refer them to. In fact the Health Department even has a policy on public information that the staff has to use recognized resources for referrals and cannot speak off the top of their heads.

Robinson asked Friederichs if there will be any resources of staff funding or spending money or staff time spent on sharing any information related to the ACA at all. Friederichs stated that besides what she mentioned as far as people calling in and answering questions which she expects there to be, they also have a Wisconsin Well Woman's program that are uninsured individuals and they will be people who most likely and already are asking questions about ACA and these people would be referred to the resources that are available. She noted that they do not tell people what to do but rather refer them to resources that are available so they can make their own decisions. Friederichs also made a comment that there was never an assumption on the Health Department's part that if the grant would have been awarded when they approached the Health Department about the navigator role which they understood to be outreach and education and not propagandizing, it was that there were going to be grant dollars and they made it real clear as they do with other grants that they could not go to the County Board process and they always know that they have to be fully funded with a grant before they go through. They know that the resolution states if the money goes away the position goes away and everything gets reduced accordingly. There was never an assumption on their part anything other than that.

Robinson stated he is not supportive of the communication that Hopp brought however he takes him at his word that he is looking out for what he feels is the best interest of the community. When these discussions started the communication was rather broad and had some definite heft to it and he has talked to being open to adjustment. In talking about this, it seemed we got pared down to the Library as the focus of this and then it got pared down beyond that from not sharing information to propagandizing and then it got pared down to the navigator role in terms of trying to keep that from happening. Then it got expanded into these other departments, but the other departments are having the same issues as the Library. It seems to Robinson that this problem is going to take care of itself in that it has been pointed out when the funding was not there for the navigator role we did not have it. Robinson felt we were trying to address an issue that either cannot or does not need to be addressed as it will address itself as it goes along. If the money is not there those things are not going to happen and those things that can happen without additional funds need to happen anyway because it is basically sharing information. Robinson felt that a lot of this comes down to the fact that he and other people do not agree with the ACA. He respects that opinion and noted that there are parts of it that he is not crazy about either. At the heart of it, it is about providing access to health insurance to people who do not have it right now. While there are portions of our community that do not agree with the ACA, or at least how it is to be carried out, at least in terms of how the legislation was written, there are many people in our community who do and it seems to Robinson that if this were an open question, by all means we should be expressing our opinions and whether to do this or not to do this but this will be passed as the law of the land. It seems to Robinson to disregard those people who are supportive of it and who are looking for this assistance, especially people who are struggling in our community, to have access to the information and have people serve as navigators for that if the funding is available. Robinson would agree that this be received and placed on file and if it needs to be debated at the County level that is fine, but he is not sure what is left in this initiative to do because it seems to him that all of the concerns have been answered so far.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to suspend the rules to allow interested parties to speak. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

-John Macco, 1874 Oak Valley Road, De Pere. Macco stated that he appreciated the open and honest discussion at this meeting. Like many in attendance, he is not a lover of the ACA whatsoever and he stated that it seems to him that we are arguing about nothing. He stated that Robinson seems to think that everything is going to take care of itself and therefore he does not see why there would be any objection to the amended version of Hopp's proposal. Macco thinks we have to continue to have smart local government and it is fine to think globally but we have to act locally and he thinks that begins here. He also stated that it is fascinating to him that the City

of Green Bay debt went from \$101 million dollars down to \$68 million dollars in the last 10 years and he stated that to him looks like good sound government. It is also fascinating to him that Oconto County has no debt and he felt that that indicated a good quality government. He felt the point of this whole thing is to ensure that Brown County is also not inadvertently creeping away from certain things and having to fund unfunded mandates by federal government. He also stated that he is a licensed broker in 15 states and it is fascinating to him that the library has now become an agent of the federal government in disseminating out information on various programs. He takes the Library Director at her word when she says they are simply going to forward persons to the proper authorities and therefore she should have no objection to Hopp's resolution. He concluded by stating that this has been a fascinating discussion and it will be interested to see where this goes.

-Jason Wisneski, 3281 Peterson Road, Green Bay. Wisneski stated that he has several questions for the Library Director. He stated that she had mentioned Medicare applications and that staff assists and he was looking for clarification if she was talking about directing someone to the Social Security Administration or if they are talking about enrolling people into Medicare Advantage or Part D. Lund stated that Stainbrook did not have to answer this question unless she felt comfortable doing so. Stainbrook stated that honestly she did not know but there was library staff in attendance that could answer this.

-Louanne Crowder, 818 Roosevelt Street, Green Bay. Crowder stated that she answers the phone at the reference desk at the Library and if they have someone who calls and asks questions regarding Medicare, depending on the level of the question, she can tell them where to find the information they are seeking and typically she refers these calls to the ADRC. Crowder added that the State of Wisconsin is going to spend the least amount of federal money on getting information to its citizens than any other state in the union. The State of Wisconsin will be spending 46 cents per capita to disseminate information to its residents. People are going to need someone to talk to and staff at the Library will be able to direct these people to the correct resources.

Wisneski continued that he just wanted to make sure that the Library is not going to be advertising that they are going to be directing people to these websites and he would feel more comfortable if they would state that only if a question comes up to them that they would be directing people. He also stated that he will personally be contacting the insurance department because he feels that he has an obligation as an agent and also to his clients who might access the Library that they are not assisting people in applying for (inaudible) . . Stainbrook responded by saying that the Library will not pay for any advertisements using any tax dollars or free money to mention that people can come to the Library for that information; however, she is not willing to say that they would not talk about it to the press or mention it on their Friends of the Library newsletter that if someone needs help and wants information that the Library is one place to go. This is the typical kind of business that they do in reaching out to people, but she reiterated that no tax dollars will be spent for this.

Stainbrook wanted to be very clear in that they will be telling people that they have the availability to answer some of the questions. She stated this would not be advocating for the program but would be advocating for the Library that they provide information.

-Devon Christianson, 300 South Adams Street, Green Bay. Christianson is the Director of the ADRC and stated that under the guise of full disclosure she wanted the Committee and those in attendance to know what their role in the ACA might be. She continued that the ADRC is charged to provide information assistance and legal advocacy services regarding a broad range of information and access to benefits and entitlement and legal rights for a large number of older adults and people with disabilities. The implementation of the ACA is really business as usual for the ADRC and it is the job as a resource center to provide consumers with up to date neutral unbiased information on a wide variety of programs including healthcare financing, insurance,

housing and long term care. The programs and benefits themselves and the development and criteria is not what they debate. They simply connect, link and empower people through information and education, no matter what the topic. When Medicare Part D was implemented they did the same thing. They are expected to assist consumers cut through the red tape and then help them understand what benefits they might be eligible for. The ADRC also shows people how to save their resources and avoid costly institutionalization. Ultimately, helping individuals remain in the community as long as possible benefits the person, the community and the local, state and federal programs. They have been instructed as an agency as to the things they should and should not be doing regarding the ACA and they were specifically told that they will not enroll, act as navigators or serve as certified application counselors but they will be knowledgeable on how the marketplace works, provide consumers with information on the call center and the website, on the navigators, who the certified application counselors are and she stated that they have to have their staff well trained and they are mandated to attend monthly educational seminars so that they can provide good information and be very well informed and be able to help people in how to enroll, but not what to enroll.

Christianson continued that the ADRC benefits specialists are actually certified state health insurance assistance program counselors and with the certification there are roles within the State that require them to increase in awareness to reach out and inform. But it is about public education and advocacy and not about positioning. Should they not be allowed to educate, assist, link and support consumers regarding health insurance options? If they do not meet their contract requirements, their responsibilities and obligations, they will be doing a disservice. She stated that the ADRC does regular outreach presentations on Medicare Part D and the enrollment season is coming up and they are all talking about the new Medicare and these are things they are required to talk about and she acknowledged that there will be questions and people asking about what this means for them and she stated they will be answering questions to the best of the ability, even though they will not be a navigator. She just wanted to be sure that the Committee knew what the role of the ADRC is and that they are being totally transparent.

-Bill Meingel, 125 W. Mission Road, Allouez. Meingel stated that in all his years in Brown County he has not seen the Library demonized the way it has been at this meeting. It is getting hit from all corners from the County Executive to members of the County Board and even in columns in the Press Gazette and this makes him sad because this used to be a cherished institution, one that people supported, pulled for and wanted to be behind and it is really sad to see it demonized. Meingel continued that now there was a member of the audience telling us that he is going to launch an investigation of the Library. His other comment is that if this proposal goes through or any facsimile of it, he would propose that the Library be prohibited from disseminating any information on any and all federal, state and local ordinances, legislation and documents of any kind, including environmental impact statements, including copies of legislation, including brochures and any information at all having to do with any legislation ordinances of any kind. The only propagandas in this room is Supervisor Hopp who is trying to oppose this for the rest of the County.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to return to regular order of business. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Erickson stated that he agrees with Van Dyck that an appropriate motion would be to receive and place on file rather than occupy staff time. He noted that no matter what action is taken at this meeting it will come before the full Board at the next meeting. He continued that we have to be very, very careful when we talk about this. He suggested that using the term "advertising" would not be appropriate. He stated we have to be careful how we phrase this and he felt that we can direct staff to get memos out to all the departments in general to direct all communications over to our ten Human Services staff that we just put on and let them do the scripted directions and he

foresees no problems at all. The Library and Health Department can give that directive and that direction and Erickson felt these matters could be handled in a prompt and timely and appropriate manner and keep the County from any litigation.

Van Dyck wished to make two points. First, he stated Hopp brought up the resolution versus communication. He did not really care what form this takes because when it gets to the County Board it is going to be a lengthy discussion no matter what form it is in. The second thing he'd like to point out is that there are a few professionals who spoke earlier and he would like to encourage both of them to go to the Library and sit down and ask questions and see what kind of information they get because if what they are disseminating for information is inappropriate or beyond their scope, that is a concern. He felt that what has been brought up tonight is maybe some speculation on the Library's part in that they are giving out information that they are not qualified to give out. Van Dyck does not get that impression and felt that Library staff would point you to a website or give a phone number. He felt that the concept that the Library is handing out information that they are not qualified to hand out has been overblown. He does not think the Library is giving advice on Medicare or giving medical advice. Lastly, Van Dyck stated he will support Evans's suggestion of a navigator. He does not know if it's necessary and he does not perceive any department in the County that has enough resources that would voluntarily take on this role if they did not have to. If they are going to go down the path of taking on some type of a role that is going to require resources, eventually they will have to come back to the Board to ask for more money and the Board may say no.

Sieber stated that it has been said before by colleagues and there has been assurance by Library staff that they are not actively promoting the ACA. They will be answering questions as they do for any other law and as a speaker alluded to before, you can't start picking through the laws and information to hand out. He felt this should be received and placed on file at this time and a navigator discussion could be taken up at the next Human Services Committee.

Moynihan stated that he understood Hopp's intents but by Hopp's own admission, this communication may have been that with an iron fist. Moynihan would suggest heeding the words of Supervisor Van Dyck, but before it is sent to Corporation Counsel, this should be received and when it is pulled from the floor there could be more of a definition of what Supervisor Evans brought up, that of a navigator role. There are a lot of "what ifs" at this time and Moynihan would not be opposed to hearing a resolution prohibiting Brown County as a navigator without federal funding. He will support receiving and placing this on file at this time.

Lund read into record an e-mail received from Kathy Pletcher that reflects the Library Board's opposition to Supervisor Hopp's communication. This e-mail was as follows: The Brown County Library Board's mission is providing trusted information and resources to connect people, ideas and community. Every day our librarians assist Brown County residents in locating needed information on books, journals, reference sources and the Internet. They assist Brown County residents in using computer technology to search for and apply for jobs. They assist Brown County residents in filing Social Security forms, completing Medicare applications, completing court petitions and paying taxes online. The Affordable Care Act is no different. People come to the library expecting to get assistance in finding information about this law, loading online applications and other relevant information.

The proposed resolution seeks to deny Affordable Care Act information to Brown County residents. This not only is government censorship, it discriminates against residents seeking this information – those in need of health care as well as employers providing health care to their employees. Regardless of one's viewpoint on the Act's merits, it is the Library's mission to provide information – especially so on validly enacted and in-force laws. That is fundamental to democracy. We trust the public to form opinions and then act as they see fit.



The Library Board opposes this resolution on the paramount principle that it restricts free access to accurate information – the very cornerstone of American democracy. The resolution is also constitutionally suspect. We urge the Executive Committee to not approve any resolution that restricts Brown County residents' fundamental right to library access and assistance for locating information on the residents' choosing – not the government's choosing.

Lund stated what he would like to be disseminated to all Board members is exactly what the navigator's role is to alleviate a lengthy discussion at the full Board meeting trying to determine what a navigator role is. He asked the staff to provide this information to the County Board members so the information is clear and time is not spent debating what a navigator role is. Lund continued that he will support the 100 percent outside funding for the navigator role as he believes it is important for the Library and other Departments to be able to disseminate information to residents as needed.

**Motion by substitution made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Van Dyck that Brown County does not become a navigator as it relates to Affordable Care Act without 100 percent outside funding. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Vacant Budgeted Positions (Request to Fill)**

3. Corporation Counsel – Assistant Corporation Counsel (Vacated 09/05/13).
4. Human Services – Social Worker/Case Manager (Behavior Health Specialist) (Vacated 7/19/13).
5. Human Services – Contract & Quality Analyst (Vacated 6/13).
6. Human Services – Director of Community Programs (Vacated 7/17/13).
7. Human Services – Economic Support Specialist (x3) (Vacated 7/11/13, 7/22/13 and 7/22/13).
8. Human Services – Social Worker Supervisor (Child Protection Services) (Vacated 9/3/13).
- 8a. Airport – Housekeeper (Vacated 7/31/13).

Although shown in the proper format here, Items 3 – 8a were taken after comments from the public.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to suspend the rules and take Items 3 – 8a together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED 5 to 1. Nay: Buckley.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve Items 3 – 8a. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Legal Bills**

9. Review and Possible Action on Legal Bills to be paid.

**Motion made by Supervisor Erickson, seconded by Supervisor Evans to pay the bills. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Reports**

10. County Executive Report.

County Executive Troy Streckenbach spoke about the damage caused in Brown County, as well as Calumet, Waupaca and Outagamie Counties in the recent storms. On August 7 around 1:00 a.m. the 911 Center started to receive a number of calls regarding damage. At 2:00 a.m. a decision was made to activate the EOC and shortly thereafter there was a decision made by the Red Cross to open a shelter at Wrightstown High School. In response to the damage, Streckenbach stated that Brown County can be commended as a community as to how all levels including fire departments police, neighbors and other municipalities came together to help out. Streckenbach stated by the

time he arrived in Wrightstown a lot of the roads had already been cleared. Damage from the storm was easily visible, but there was access and that is one of the most important things when you're trying to respond is having access to the community through the roadways. Brown County Public Works did a great job in their efforts in getting the roads cleared. What was seen was an effort by the community where we came together to resolve a lot of resident's needs. Streckenbach brought this up because a lot of times we get inundated with discussions that are difficult as seen earlier in the meeting, but when we see locally that when faced with adversity or a serious matter we can all come together, that is something to be proud of.

Streckenbach stated that the initial report submitted had an estimate of 83 residential homes that were affected and four businesses with an estimated cost of damage in the first 24 hours of \$2.8 million dollars, however, this figure will continue to rise. After going over assessments today and realizing the amount of damage that was incurred, a declaration of disaster has been issued to the State of Wisconsin with the intent and hope that federal and state aid will be available.

Streckenbach stated that he had just learned within the last hour that the National Weather Service did confirm five tornadoes associated with the storm, one of which was in the southern part of Brown County and they also recently confirmed that the storm that went through Wrightstown and the Town of Morrison was an EF1 tornado. Streckenbach also mentioned that the Town Chairman of Porterfield was killed in clean-up efforts from the storm as he was clearing debris from the road. Streckenbach wished to remind the public to be careful while debris and damage is being removed so that safe passage can be made. As elected officials and county officials thoughts and prayers go out to the family of the Town of Porterfield Chairman.

Brown County will continue to work with municipalities to assess the damage and work with the state and other counties to put together the assessment which will take some time and he will continue to keep the Board up to date with these efforts.

Streckenbach also reported that Senator Baldwin recently visited Brown County, particularly visiting the Port and he thanked Supervisor Erickson who sits on the Harbor Commission for participating and facilitating the event and overseeing the Port activities and advocating for Brown County's harbor and more importantly throwing out a plug for the federal inspection station. From information Streckenbach has received from Dean Haen, this was a productive meeting with Senator Baldwin and from comments he had seen in the paper it appears that Senator Baldwin recognizes the importance of the harbor for the economy of not only Brown County but all of Northeast Wisconsin.

Streckenbach continued that they are moving along in the budget process and most departments are coming in at levy targets which is positive. He is working on some strategies and initiatives that they recognize that the County needs to work on in areas such as homelessness and mental health alternatives to incarceration. They look forward to continuing to work with the Departments and oversight committees with the budget as it moves forward.

Streckenbach stated that he does have some good news and that is the preliminary equalized value did come out and we are finally in the black and the increase was 2.25%. The net new construction is estimated to be roughly \$880,000 and this means that our allowable levy limit increase could be as much as \$880,000 but this will not be proposed, however the ultimate decision would be up to the Board. Streckenbach cautioned the Committee that these are preliminary numbers and more affirmative numbers will be available in the coming weeks.

Van Dyck thanked Streckenbach for the storm damage update and stated that much of the damage was located in his district and he would like to recognize the efforts of all County

departments that were involved. All efforts from the Public Service to the County departments were tremendous.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Van Dyck to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11. Internal Auditor Report.**

**a) Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2013.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**b) 2014 Budget – County Board.**

Internal Auditor Dan Process wished to mention several things with regard to the County Board budget. The budget was presented to the Executive earlier in the week and is similar to the 2013 budget with the exception of an overall levy increase of about \$6,000 which is due to the increase of the membership fees which were mentioned earlier in the year from the WCA and NACO. This is being partially offset by savings in a reduction of audit fees.

Process also wished to mention that during the budget meeting a question came up with regard to the inclusion of the activity of the Veterans Recognition Subcommittee. Moynihan stated it was his understanding that from the onset of that Subcommittee it has always been in the Board budget, however, this really falls under Human Services. Erickson stated that he had spoken with Process about this and he will make a point of stopping by to see him to look at this further. He felt this should probably be in the Veterans overall budget, however, there are donations that come in that should not be going directly into the Veterans account as a line item as most of the money that goes into the Veterans account is either budgeted in or is donated for Veterans' help and gets used for gas cards, emergency groceries, etc.

Lund stated that since the Subcommittee was started by the County Board he felt it was appropriate for this to remain in the Board budget as it was a function of the Board wishing to establish the Committee and is not a function of the Veterans office establishing the Committee. Process indicated that the amount of money being talked about with this is not a large sum.

Process continued his report by stating that he will be sharing a report from the NEW Zoo at the next meeting. Further, in the next couple of weeks he will be sending out a request to supervisors and staff members regarding input for the 2014 audit plan.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Resolutions, Ordinances**

**12. Resolution Adopting Brown County's 2014 Five-year Capital Improvement Plan.**

Director of Administration Brent Miller stated this capital improvement plan is less than what it had been in the past. The zipline for the Zoo has been removed as have some expenses for the golf course. Some of the things that have been added this year include computer aided dispatch and next generation 911 and that was approved at the Public Safety Committee. Other additions include vehicle storage at the Sheriff's Department which was approved at PD & T and land records replacement which encompasses the Register of Deeds Office and Treasurer. Copper dome replacement at the Courthouse has also been added.

Van Dyck asked what the difference would be between approving this and receiving it and placing it on file as information. Lund stated that by approving it is saying that the Committee is behind these items which a lot of them, such as fixing roads are not discretionary. Erickson stated that this is more of a wish list than anything. Lund stated that bonding will be going down as the County will actually be paying back more money than we borrow.

Van Dyck said it felt odd that it is a resolution adopting Brown County's 2014 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan which seems to him to say that the Committee is agreeing to everything that is in the plan. He has a struggle with adopting this rather than receiving this and placing on file because to him adopting sounds like it is approving what is in the plan and he does not necessarily agree.

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote taken. Motion passed 3 to 2: Ayes: Moynihan, Erickson Lund Nays: Van Dyck, Evans**

13. **Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$1,990,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Refunding Bonds of Brown County, Wisconsin.**
14. **Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$3,940,000 General Obligation Airport Improvement Refunding Bonds of Brown County, Wisconsin.**
15. **Initial Resolution Authorization the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$9,190,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Brown County, Wisconsin.**
16. **Resolution Regarding Change in Table of Organization Child Support Agency Child Support Specialist – Enforcement.**
17. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Eaton for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
18. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Glenmore for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
19. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Green Bay for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
20. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Holland for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
21. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Humboldt for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
22. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Lawrence for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
23. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Morrison for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
24. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of New Denmark for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**
25. **Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Pittsfield for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).**

26. Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Rockland for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).
27. Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Town of Wrightstown for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).
28. Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Village of Denmark for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).
29. Resolution Supporting the 2014 – 2015 Memo of Understanding Between Brown County and the Village of Pulaski for the Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS).

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Erickson to suspend the rules to take Items 13 – 29 together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to approve Items 13 – 29. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Closed Session

30. Labor Relations and Negotiations; Update on Prohibited Practice Hearing.
  - a) Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.
  - b) Closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which is it likely to become involved.

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to enter into closed session on Items 30 a & b. Roll Call Vote taken. Present, Van Dyck, Moynihan, Lund, Erickson, Evans. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to return to regular order of business. Roll Call Vote taken. Present: Van Dyck, Moynihan, Lund, Erickson, Evans. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Other

31. Discussion re: Additional content on County Board website including biographical data and functions of standing committees.

Motion made by Supervisor Evans, seconded by Supervisor Van Dyck to hold for one month. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

32. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Moynihan stated that it is imperative that all supervisors view the materials that were sent to them regarding the grievance session. He indicated that the grievance session held earlier could not be continued because they barely formed a quorum and there were not enough members present who had familiarized themselves with the materials. Moynihan stressed that these materials need to be viewed as the grievance session will be the first thing brought up at the Board meeting on August 21, 2013.

**33. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan, seconded by Supervisor Evans to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.  
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary